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In re Application of

Mark G. Gilbreth et al :

Application No. 09/900,635 : ON PETITION

Filed: July 6, 2001

Attorney Docket No. 2066.0240001

This is a decision on the petition, filed by facsimile transmission on January 24, 2003¹, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid on November 11, 2002 in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.²

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8859.

¹Evidence has been provided to show that the original Petition, RCE and the IDS were received in the Patent and Trademark Office on December 24, 2002.

² The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice must be made in writing and should be accompanied by the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), along with a copy of this decision. Additionally, if the issue fee has increased from the previously paid issue fee, the balance due must be submitted. Failure to <u>timely</u> request <u>in writing</u> that the previously paid issue fee be applied towards the new Notice and payment of any balance due will result in the abandonment of the application.

After receipt of the file in the Office of Petitions, the application will be forwarded to Technology Center AU 2834 for processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

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